18. Raw wool imported by registered apex Handloom Co-operative Societies/State Hand-loom Development Corporation are fully exempted from import duty in 1988-89

19. Import and excise duty on various textile machineries has been reduced in 1988-89 Budget.

20. Import duty on M.E.G. has been reduced from 155% to 90% from 2-5-1988 onwards.

21. Excise duty on Nylon Filament Yarn has been reduced to Rs. 10.50 per kg. from Rs. 70'- perkg. if intnlsl far use for the manufacture of Nylon/Cotton Blended Sarees subject to the conditions prescribed in the Central Excise Notificition No. 208/87-CE d ted 11-9-1987.

22. Polyester Staple Fibre is fully exempted from Excise duty if intended for use for the nrnuf cture of low orice f brics subject to the conditions prescribed in the Central Excise Notific tion No. 191'85 d ted 28-8-1985. The Polyester Stiple Fibre is exempted from whole of the *.ddition I* duty when imported into Indh for the m muf .cture of low price f brics subject to the condition prescribed in the Customs Notificition No. 27685 dated 28-8-1985.

23. Excise duty on cotton y\rn has been reduced in 1988-89 Budget. The reduction varies from one paise onw rds depending on the counts of the yarn.

24. Viscose Fihmeit Yarn su-nlied to the Registered Hmlloom Co3t>eritive Societies has to piy 50% of the duty prescribed for other users.

25- Excise duty on polyester.'wool blended yarn has reduced from Rs. 30/-kg. to Rs. 15/-kg. in 1987-88 Budget.

26. Under a duty cred't scheme rebate of Rs. 43.75 per kg. on polyester filament yarn will be given for mnuf cture of fabrics under a programme duly approved by the Textile Ministry subject to certiin conditions.

Government hpve constituted a Committee to monitor the selling price? of Polyester Staple Fibre, Acrvlic St lie Fibre, Polyester Fihment Yirn, Nylon Fihmsat Yrn, Blended S.iim Yarn and Blended is well is 100% Synthetic Fabrics with a view *to* determining whe ther the duty concessions given in the 1988-89 Budget are passed on to the consumers.

Dispute between CCI and NTC regarding payment towards cotton supp ied to NTC

211. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any dispute between the Cotton Corporation of India and National Textile Corporation over the payment for cotton supplied by the former to the latter as reported in the Economic Times of 1st August, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Simplification of procedure to facilitate export of gold jewellery and gems

212. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JT Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to simplify and streamline the procedure for export of gold jewellery and gems; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Government have recently